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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

TAYLOR ET AL.

Examiner

Sue A. Weaver

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 07 November 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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1. The drawings were received on 11/7/05. These drawings are accepted.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Duke '115 in view of Luch et al '866.

Applicants have amended the claims to define the undulations as on the top surface of the flange and extending radially outward from the upper sidewall.

However such construction is well known in the use with tamper evident caps. Note for example members 18 of Duke which extend up from the top surface of the flange 16 and extend radially outward from the sidewall as shown in Figure 2. Since the container of Duke is a bottle it is also considered to have the well-known bottle construction of sidewall, shoulder and bottom. To have further formed the undulation structure in a plastic container for example and as a triangular configuration with linear sides would have been obvious in view of such teaching by Luch et al at 51. Note that neither of the formations extends as far as the periphery of the flange but resides on the top surface. The number of undulations is considered to be a matter of choice dependent in part on the container material and size.

3. Claims 19-23 and 25-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 10 above, and further in view of Robinson EP '823, of record.

To have optionally formed the container sidewall with planar portions connected by rounded corner portions with insets so that the container might be efficiently stored would have been obvious in view of the teaching by Robinson in Figure 19.

4. Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 10 above, and further in view of Czesak, of record.

To have merely provided the container with well-known upper and lower bumpers for receiving a label would have been obvious in view of Czesak at 32.

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-28 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

6. Applicant's arguments, see page 11 of the amendment, filed 11/7/05, with respect to the objection to the drawings and 112 rejection have been fully considered and are persuasive. The objection and 112 rejection of the claims have been withdrawn.

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The patents show other containers with projections.

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